Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

Whereas, Brian Thies was born to Harold and Agnes Thies, graduated from Canton High School and received his Bachelor of Science in Education degree from General Beadle State Teacher's College in 1969; and,

Whereas, Brian married his high school sweetheart, Judy Amundson, on July 5, 1968, and to that union four children were born: Mary, Jeff, Chad and Marcus who have blessed the couple's lives with eleven grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Brian's teaching career began during the 1969-1970 school year at Hot Springs, South Dakota, teaching 8th grade social studies for the past 37 years; and,

Whereas, Along with his teaching assignment, Brian has coached various sports for 35 of the past 37 years, which included head coach for boys basketball, assistant coach for boys and girls basketball, assistant coach for football and girls and boys golf coach; and,

Whereas, Brian has been a member of the Hot Springs Elks Lodge #1751 for 30 years and served as Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Secretary, chaired the local hoop shoot contest for many years and has served as lector at St. Anthony's Catholic Church for 37 years; and,

Whereas, Brian's plans for leisure activity after his retirement include golf, golf and more golf; and,

Whereas, A retirement celebration is planned for Brian on May 27, 2006, and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to acknowledge the commitment and dedication to the education of our South Dakota youth:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 27, 2006, as

BRIAN THIES DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family, colleagues and friends in wishing him a fulfilling, healthy, and happy retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State